

I would like to comment on the recent unanimous FCC vote to "review" laws that prohibit the same company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area, and laws that limit the percent of the national audience that a single cable company can reach. Elimination of this rule will essentially signal the absorption of the newspaper business into the television industry, with a predictable negative impact on the quality of print journalism. Further, the thought of a single company controlling a town's TV stations, radio stations, cable company and only newspaper is chilling indeed.

Such overwhelming concentration in the U.S. media will destroy what little diversity remains. It will increase the media's commercial nature and decrease its accountability to the public. We need more diversity of media ownership, not less.

Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation will not serve the public interest.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lara Boeck